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Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 for one (1) month(s) from August 4, 2004 to September 4, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ASP0046/ACF in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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